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Reference to a Computer Listing Appendix

Appendix A to this application is set forth on a single compact disk and the material recorded thereon is incorporated by reference herein. The following file is recorded on the compact disc: file name: AppendixA.txt; file size: 107kB; date of creation: May 16, 2002.--

Delete the paragraph at lines 6 - 7 of page 6 and replace with the following paragraph.

--Figs. 22A - 22E represent the system administrator interface of an embodiment of the present invention.--

Delete the paragraph at lines 10 - 11 of page 6, and replace with the following paragraph.

--Fig. 24 is a state diagram representing the states of a user, request and CBO at various stages of the process for creating compilations of content.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. Note that the following is a clean version of the amended claims, while an attached Appendix contains the amended claims with appropriate markings to show the changes made.

1(Amended). A method for preventing mutually exclusive content entities stored in a data repository from being included in a compilation of content entities, comprising the steps of:

storing reference information for each content entity identifying other content entities that are mutually exclusive with that content entity, wherein said reference information indicates exclusion of the content entity from compilations including any of the other content entities;

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when adding a content entity to a compilation, referencing the reference information to determine if the content entity is mutually exclusive of other content entities, and

if so, determining if any of the identified other content entities exists in the compilation of content, and

if not, adding the content entity to the compilation, and

if so, not adding the content entity to the compilation.

2(Amended). A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for preventing mutually exclusive content entities stored in a data repository from being included in a compilation of content entities, the method steps comprising:

storing reference information for each content entity identifying other content entities that are mutually exclusive with that content entity, wherein said reference information indicates exclusion of the content entity from compilations including any of the other content entities;

when adding a content entity to a compilation, referencing the reference information to determine if the content entity is mutually exclusive of other content entities, and

if so, determining if any of the identified other content entities exists in the compilation of content, and

if not, adding the content entity to the compilation, and

if so, not adding the content entity to the compilation.

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3(Amended). A system for preventing mutually exclusive content entities stored in a data repository from being included in a compilation of content entities, comprising:

means for storing reference information for each content entity identifying other content entities that are mutually exclusive with that content entity, wherein said reference information indicates exclusion of the content entity from compilations including any of the other content entities;

means for referencing the reference information when adding a content entity to a compilation, to determine if the content entity is mutually exclusive of other content entities;

means for determining if any of the identified other content entities exists in the compilation of content; and

means for adding the content entity to the compilation if none of the other content entities exists in the compilation, and means for not adding the content entity to the compilation if any of the other content entities exists in the compilation.--

Please add the following new claims.

--4(New). The method of claim 1 wherein said reference information is in the form of rules.

5(New). The device of claim 2 wherein said reference information is in the form of rules.

6(New). The system of claim 3 wherein said reference information is in the form of rules. --